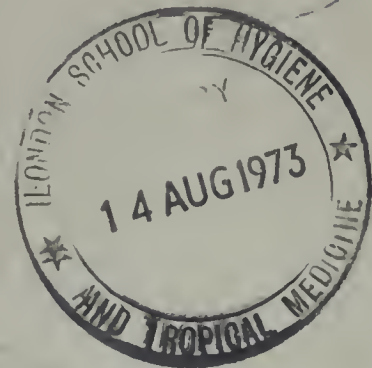


PORTSMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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Section I - Staff

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
P.G. ROADS	Port Medical Officer of Health	1.9.59	M.D., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health and Principal School Medical Officer of Health
W. MEREDITH	Chief Port Health Inspector	1.5.67	M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Chief Public Health Inspector, City of Portsmouth

Address and Telephone Number of Medical Officer of Health:

Official: Lombard House, Lombard Street, Portsmouth. Portsmouth 24541. Ext.313

Private: 8 Burbidge Grove, Southsea. Portsmouth 33325

Section II - Amount of Shipping Entering the District during the Year

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (net)	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease on board
			By M.O.H.	By P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports ..	335	111,526	3	217	1 (diagnosed as tonsillitis)
Coastwise* ..	4,910	1,321,276	-	177	-
TOTAL ..	5,245	1,432,802	3	394	1

*Includes traffic between Southampton, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth

SECTION III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the Year

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	...	{	Number of passengers INWARDS	Negligible
		{	Number of passengers OUTWARDS	Negligible
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CARGO TRAFFIC	...		Principal IMPORTS	Oranges and other citrus fruits, potatoes, tomatoes, cauliflowers, onions, timber, hardboard, fertiliser, raw plastics
			Principal EXPORTS	Barley, scrap iron, machinery, general cargo
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PRINCIPAL PORTS	from which ships arrive			Channel Islands, Casablanca, Agadir, Annaba, Pasajes, Canary Islands, Roscoff, Rotterdam, Bremen, various ports in Sweden, Finland and Brazil, Szezecia

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

None.

SECTION V - Water Supply

1. The water used in the Docks is supplied by the Portsmouth Water Company. Vessels in dock are supplied from hydrants at the quays.
2. Samples are taken periodically by the Public Health Inspector and forwarded to the City Analyst and the subsequent reports submitted to the Medical Officer of Health.
3. Water tanks on ships under survey are inspected after having been flushed out, cleansed, and cement-washed.
4. There are Admiralty water boats controlled by the Admiralty.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1966-1968

1. List of infected areas
The weekly epidemiological record issued by the World Health Organisation is supplied to the Port Medical Officer of Health, the Chief Port Health Inspector and the Chief Preventive Officer, H.M. Customs and Excise.

2. Radio Messages

The telegraphic address 'Portelth' suggested by the Ministry of Health has been adopted by the Port Health Authority for radio communication between them and shipping entering the district. The master of a ship equipped with a radio transmitting apparatus must, if there are any circumstances on board requiring the attention of the Medical Officer, send a wireless message to 'Portelth', Portsmouth, stating the name of his vessel and the time on the 24-hour clock she is expected to arrive. This message must be sent off not more than 12 hours and not less than 4 hours before the arrival of the ship.

3. Notification otherwise than by Radio

The Master of a ship not fitted with a radio transmitting apparatus must notify the Port Health Authority, whenever practicable, before arrival and otherwise immediately on arrival, of any circumstances requiring the attention of the Medical Officer. International flag signals may be used for this purpose. These messages would normally be received by an officer of H.M. Customs and transmitted to the Medical Officer of Health.

4. Mooring Stations

The following mooring stations have been established, with the concurrence of the Queen's Harbour Master and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise; these are subject to variation by the Commander-in-Chief should the necessity arise.

- (a) Outer Mooring Station:
An area about half-a-mile north-west of Mother Bank Spit.
- (b) Inner Mooring Stations:
The upper reaches of Portsmouth Harbour.

This agreement is subject to the following understandings;

- (1) That the mooring place referred to at (a) above is for ships with cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus fever or smallpox on board; and that at (b) for all other unhealthy ships not within a standing exemption.
- (2) That a standing exemption from detention has been granted by the Medical Officer of the Port Health Authority in respect of any ship which:
 - (i) has called at a port or seaboard included in the weekly return of infected or suspected ports or seabords, but reports 'all well' during the voyage, or arrives with no sickness on board unless a written notice to the contrary has been delivered to the Customs Officer by or on behalf of the Medical Officer of the Port Health Authority,;
 - (ii) has on board a case of minor infectious disorder.

5. Arrangements for:-

- (a) Hospital accommodation. Cases of infectious diseases are removed to East Wing, St. Mary's General Hospital by means of the Municipal Ambulance Service.

- (b) Surveillance. Contacts of infectious diseases cases:
 - (i) Living in the City. If not removed to hospital they are kept under observation by the public health inspectors.
 - (ii) Proceeding to an address outside the City. The Medical Officer of Health of the place of destination is advised.
- (c) Cleansing and Disinfection. Personnel and clothing are disinfested at East Wing, St. Mary's General Hospital. Provision can be made for the temporary accommodation of persons who may have to be detained pending examination. Disinfecting of ships is carried out by the staff of the health department.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

- (1) Cases of smallpox are at present removed to the smallpox hospital at Weyhill Hospital, near Andover.
- (2) Cases conveyed by the Portsmouth Municipal Ambulance Service, the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews being ascertained annually.
- (3) The smallpox consultants are Dr. W.B. O'Driscoll and Dr. I.M. MacLachlan. The former can be contacted at East Wing, St. Mary's General Hospital, Portsmouth (Tel. 22331).
- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox exist, by arrangement with the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Area Pathological Service, at the Central Laboratory, East Wing, St. Mary's General Hospital, Portsmouth.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

Confidential treatment can be obtained free at the Special Clinic, at St. Mary's General Hospital, West Wing, Milton Road (no appointment needed). Cards giving the above information regarding Outpatient treatment are supplied by the Medical Officer of Health to the Harbour Master for distribution to shipping entering the Port.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and Other Infectious Diseases on Ships

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	None	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports, but have been disposed of before arrival	None	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships ..	None	-	-	-

SECTION X - Observations on the Occurrence of Malaria in Ships

No malaria occurred in ships during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against Ships infected with or suspected for Plague

No plague or suspected plague occurred in ships during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports

1. Every effort is made to examine all vessels arriving from abroad. Periodic examinations are made of vessels engaged in coastal traffic only.
2. Bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents can be carried out at the Central Laboratory, East Wing, St. Mary's General Hospital; none was examined during the year.
3. Minor infestations are treated by the staff of the Portsmouth Local Authority. The methods used are baiting and poisoning using Warfarin or, in special cases, Fluorocetamide. Major infestations are dealt with by the Marine Division of Messrs. Rentokil Ltd.,
4. When necessary rat guards are placed on ropes between ships and quays.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

Category	Number
Black Rats	None
Brown Rats	None
Species not known ..	None
Sent for examination ..	None
Infected with plague ..	None

As from 1st January, 1970, the Authority was approved by the Minister in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 17 of the International Sanitary Regulations for the issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates and Deratting Certificates and thus became an "approved port" and "designated approved port", within the meaning of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1966.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the
Year for Ships from Foreign Ports

No. of Deratting Certificates issued				Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with HCN	Other fumigant	After trapping	After poisoning	Total	
None	None	None	None	None	30
					30

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections		Notices served		Result of serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Primary	374	-	7	6 remedied, 1 to be remedied when spares available
Re-inspections	20	-	-	
Total	394	-	7	

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

There are no shellfish layings within the area of the Port Health Authority.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to ports approved
for the Landing of Aliens).

Not applicable.

SECTION XVI - Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on
board ship from infectious disease.

The facilities available to the City of Portsmouth are equally available
to the Port Health Authority.

SECTION XVII - Miscellaneous.

Imported Food Regulations, 1968.

The character of food imports into the Port has continued virtually unchanged. The food concerned is almost wholly fruit and vegetable produce which almost invariably arrives in prime condition. One consignment of containers has been received and these were examined on the quayside. 30 samples of food were taken and submitted to the City Analyst. All were found to be in a sound and wholesome condition.

Royal Fleet Auxiliaries

Following discussions with the Naval Health Authorities, the inspection of Royal Fleet Auxiliaries was regularised when the Port Health Authority took over, in October, the responsibility for the routine inspection and examination of vessels arriving in the Port, including the issue of Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates.

